following defects which have since been rectified :—

(i) Some ribs in 2nd and 3rd floors were inadequately reinforced due to premature curtailment of bottom reinforcements;

(ii) some of the main ribs on lower floors (Upper Ground Floor and First Floor) were inadequately reinforced to carry shear around the cutouts for ducts etc.

(b) and (c) CBI investigation report is still awaited.

Risk Capital and Technology Corporation Ltd.

3527. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Risks Capital and Technology Finance Corporation Ltd. sponsored by IFCI have provided for financial assistance to small sector under its (RCTC) items developed funding scheme;

(b) if so, what are the names of the projects/items for which RCTC extended financial packages/assistance under this new scheme to small sector and names and address of the beneficiaries and amount sanctioned individually, itemwise; and

(c) what are the norms and the attractive terms RCTC has laid down for financing/funding for such ventures/projects for small sector itemwise and maximum amount earmarked for such projects; itemwise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation Ltd. (RCTC) has reported that it does not operate any scheme known as "Items Developed Funding Scheme". However, it is operating a different scheme called Technology Finance and Development Scheme under which assistance is provided on flexible terms for development of technology to provide impetus to the commercialisation of the new and innovative technology in the country so as to reduce dependence on imported technology. The scheme is intended to fill the gap in the conventional financial mechanism to cover the higher risk inherent in such activities and especially designed to extend support to technological innovations. The Corporation has assisted 15 projects under this scheme.

Guidelines issued by RBI to Commercial Banks for Advances to Small Scale Sectors

3528. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to the Commercial Banks in respect of advances to small scale sector, collectoral security by way of immovable properties may not be asked for except project should be technically feasible and economically viable hypothecation/pledge of assets created out of its financial assistance and comprehensive insurance of the project cost excluding in cases where primary security is inadequate and not as a matter of routine, whereas credit guarantee scheme of RBI for small sector is available for risk cover for Commercial Banks; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take against the Branch Manager/Regional Manager for not implementing such policy, decision of the RBI/Government and for unnecessary harassment to the entrepreneurs and also the names of the tribunal with address if any, authorities/departments to whom complaints for such grievances could be made for needful actions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) As per the instructions issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in respect of priority sector advances which include advances to small Scale Industries also, the banks should not ask for collateral security or third party guarantee for loans upto and inclusive of Rs. 25000/-. For loans in excess of Rs. 25,000/-

collateral security by way of immovable properties or third party guarantee may be asked for only in cases where primary security is inadequate or for other valid reasons. Proposals otherwise viable should not be turned down merely for want of such collateral security or third party guarantee. All complaints against the working of the public sector banks are taken up with the banks concerned for appropriate action. Taking into consideration the seriousness of the lapse, if any, on the part of the bank staff including the Officers, the management of the bank concerned takes appropriate action against them in accordance with the service regulations.

Norms for issuing Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificates for Small Sector Units

3529. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms laid down by Government for issuing Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate (DEEC) to new small sector units for import of machinery components, raw-materials etc. and maximum ceiling consignment-wise quarterly/annually ;

(b) whether such units are allowed to sell some percentage of finished products in domestic market, if so, what are the conditions in this regard;

(c) whether Government will simplify the procedure to benefit new small sector enterprises, in respect of issuing duty exemption entitlement certificate to boost exports, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what are the names of the authorities who are issuing duty exemption entitlement certificate to small sector, if so what are the details of recommendation in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate are issued to advance licence holders. These certificates contain the list of raw materials components, consumables, packing materials, mandatory spares etc., alongwith resultant export products. Neither any distinction is made between the SSI or Large Scale Units nor any financial ceilings are imposed for the issue of DEEC. The details of the policy and procedure relating to the norms for issuing the DEEC are contained in Chapter XIX of Import-Export Policy and Hand Book of Procedures 1990-93.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Simplification of the Policy and Procedure is an ongoing process and changes made are being notified from time to time.

(d) All licensing authorities are competent to grant Duty Exemption entitlement Certificate as per their respective regional jurisdiction. A list of these authorities is given in Appendix II-B of the current Hand Book of Procedures (1990-93).

Development of Iron Ore Mines in the Hinterland of Orissa

3530. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government had submitted a proposal three years back for the development of iron ore mines in the hinterland of Paradip Port ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in arriving at a decision and by when the matter is likely to be decided ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Organisation of Ind-expo 90 in Mauritius

3531 SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :